

# Stereo Reconstruction

# problem

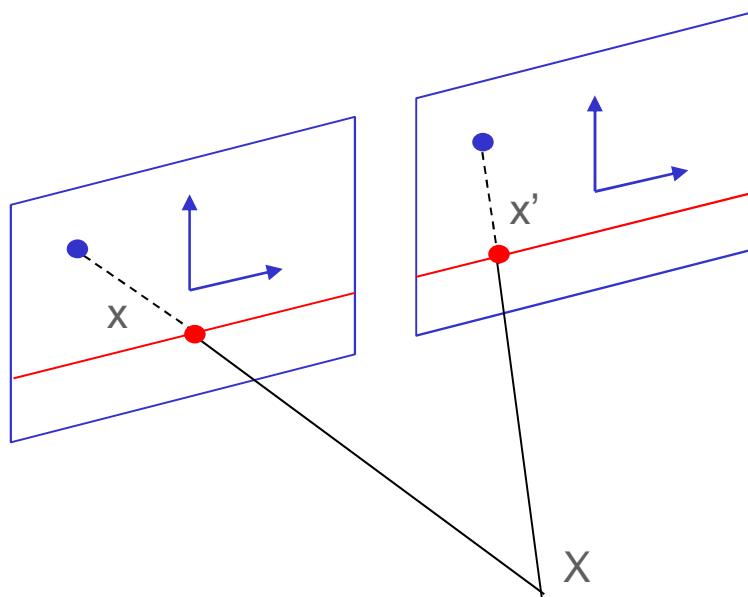
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**Goal:** reconstruct the 3D shape of objects in the scene from 2 or more images.

# special case

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model

$$x_1 = f \frac{X_1}{X_3} \quad x_2 = f \frac{X_2}{X_3}$$

$$x'_1 = f \frac{X'_1}{X'_3} \quad x'_2 = f \frac{X'_2}{X'_3}$$

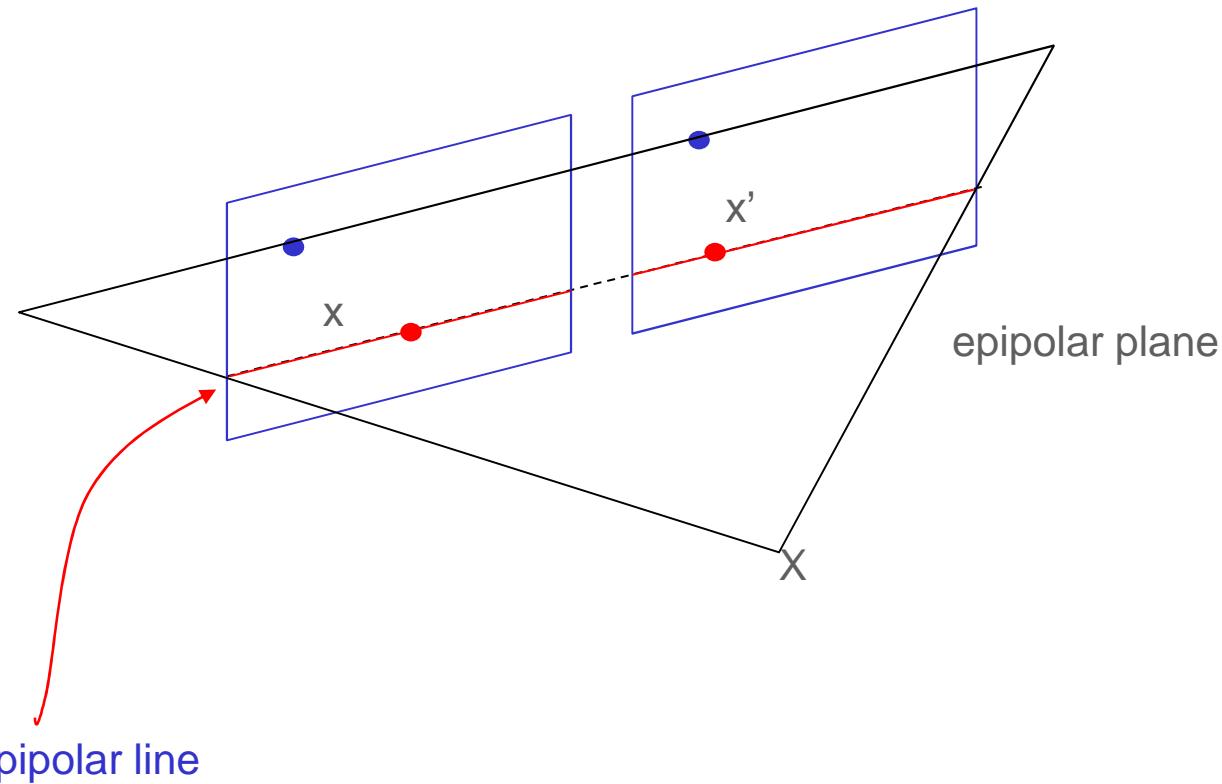
$$X'_1 = X_1 - b \quad X'_2 = X_2 \quad X'_3 = X_3$$

reconstruction

$$X_3 x'_1 = X_3 x_1 - fb, \quad X_3 = f \frac{b}{x_1 - x'_1} \quad \Rightarrow \quad X_3 = f \frac{b}{d}, \quad d = x_1 - x'_1$$

# epipolar geometry

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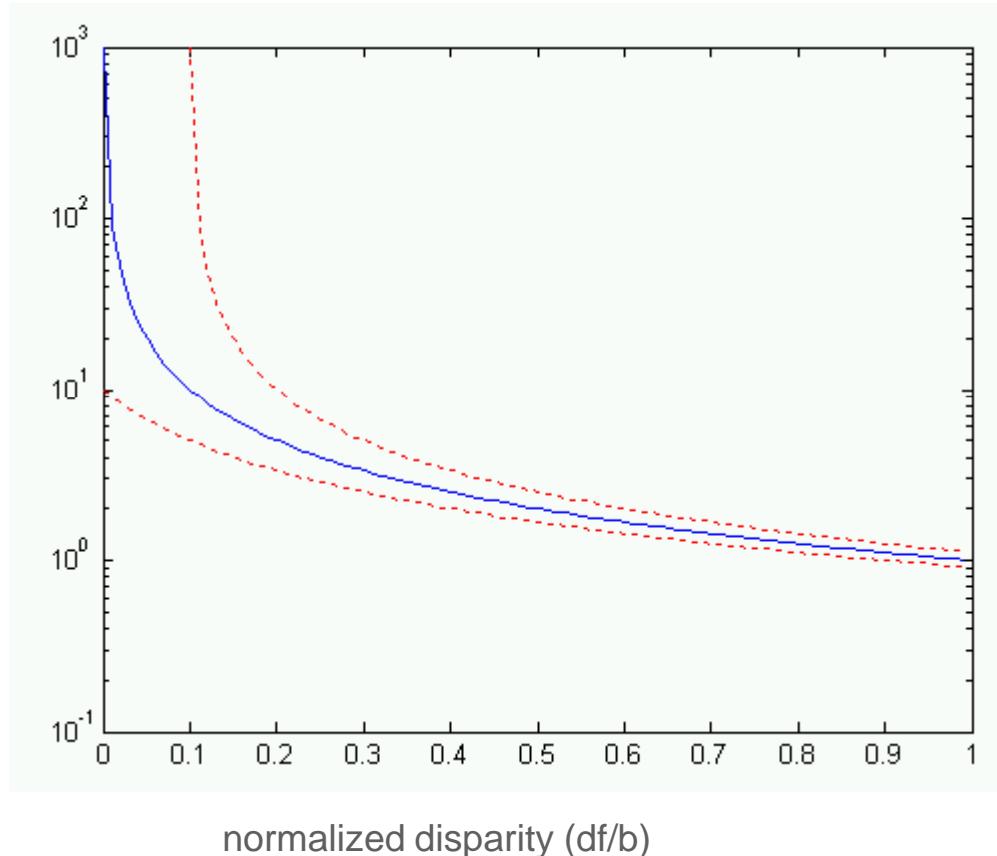


$$x_2 = x'_2$$

# depth

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$X_3$



depth estimates obtained from the true disparity value and from noisy disparity values with 0.001 errors.

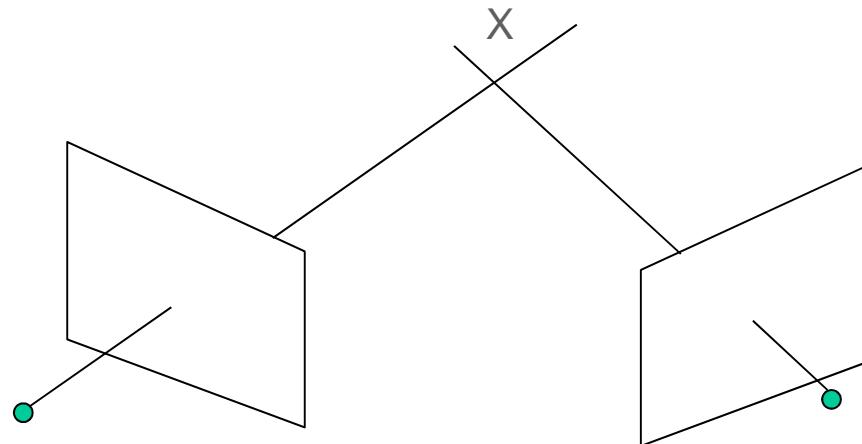
# steps

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Stereo reconstruction involves 2 steps.

**matching:** association of corresponding points in two (or more) images.

**triangulation:**



# calibrated cameras

# reconstruction

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problem: reconstruct  $X$ , from the projections  $x, x'$  and matrices  $P, P'$ .

known cameras:  $P, P'$

$$\text{camera 1: } x_1 = \frac{p_1 \cdot \tilde{X}}{p_3 \cdot \tilde{X}} \quad x_2 = \frac{p_2 \cdot \tilde{X}}{p_3 \cdot \tilde{X}}$$

$$\text{camera 2: } x'_1 = \frac{p'_1 \cdot \tilde{X}}{p'_3 \cdot \tilde{X}} \quad x'_2 = \frac{p'_2 \cdot \tilde{X}}{p'_3 \cdot \tilde{X}}$$

$\tilde{X}$ - homogeneous coord.

$$\begin{cases} (p_3 \cdot \tilde{X})x_1 = p_1 \cdot \tilde{X} & (p_3 \cdot \tilde{X})x_2 = p_2 \cdot \tilde{X} \\ (p'_3 \cdot \tilde{X})x'_1 = p'_1 \cdot \tilde{X} & (p'_3 \cdot \tilde{X})x'_2 = p'_2 \cdot \tilde{X} \end{cases}$$

# algebraic method

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$$(p_3 \cdot \tilde{X})x_1 = p_1 \cdot \tilde{X}$$

$$(p_3 \cdot \tilde{X})x_2 = p_2 \cdot \tilde{X}$$

4 equations 3 unknowns

$$(p'_3 \cdot \tilde{X})x'_1 = p'_1 \cdot \tilde{X}$$

$$(p'_3 \cdot \tilde{X})x'_2 = p'_2 \cdot \tilde{X}$$

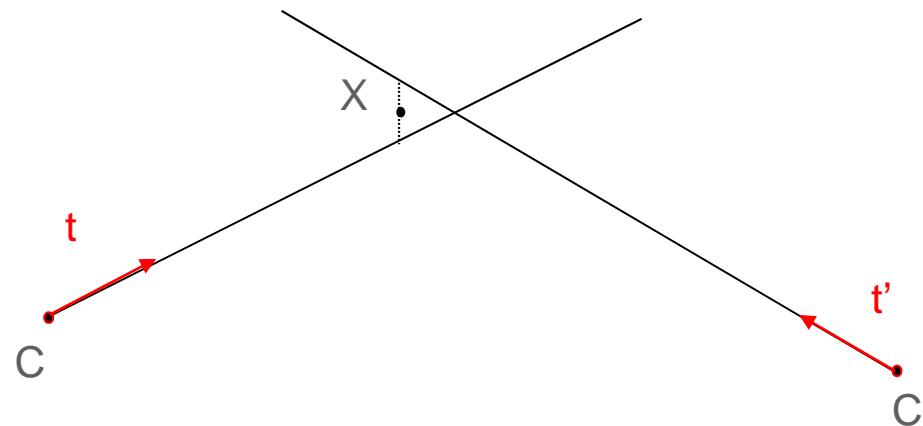
$$M\tilde{X} = 0$$

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} p_1^T - p_3^T x_1 \\ p_2^T - p_3^T x_2 \\ p_1'^T - p_3'^T x'_1 \\ p_2'^T - p_3'^T x'_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Least squares:  $\tilde{X}$  is a normalized eigenvector associated to the smallest eigenvalue.

# geometric method

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find the closest pair of points from both lines:

optical rays

$$X = C + \alpha t$$

$$t = C - P^\# x$$

$$\alpha = \frac{[t - (t^T t') t']^T (C - C')}{1 - (t^T t')^2}$$

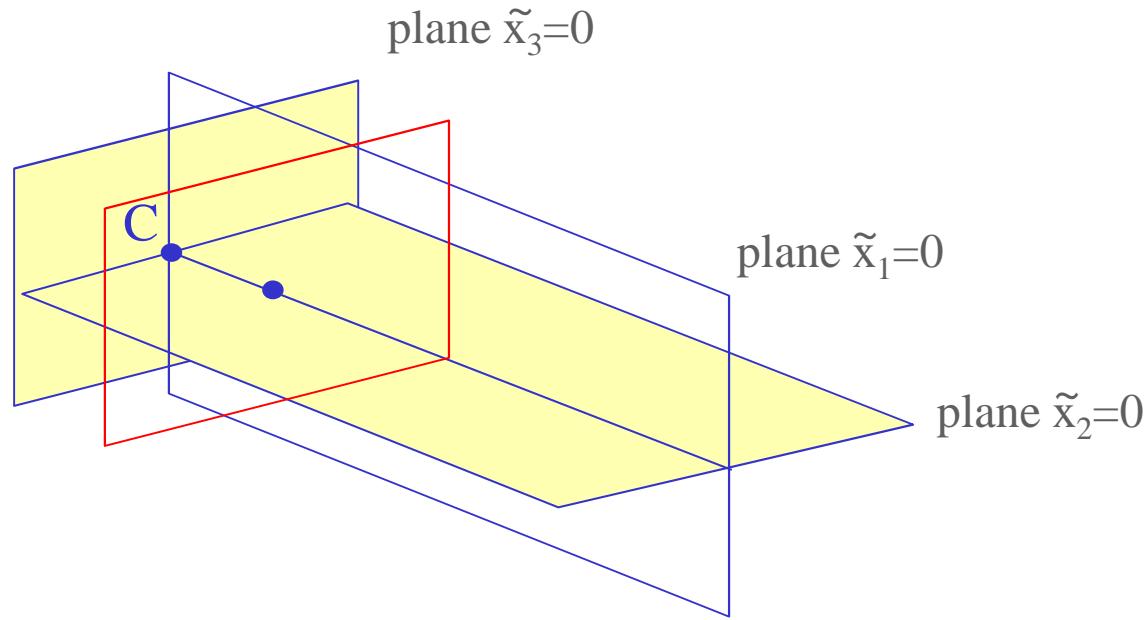
$$X' = C' + \alpha' t'$$

$$t' = C' - P'^\# x'$$

$$\alpha' = \frac{[t' - (t^T t') t]^T (C' - C)}{1 - (t^T t')^2}$$

# optical center

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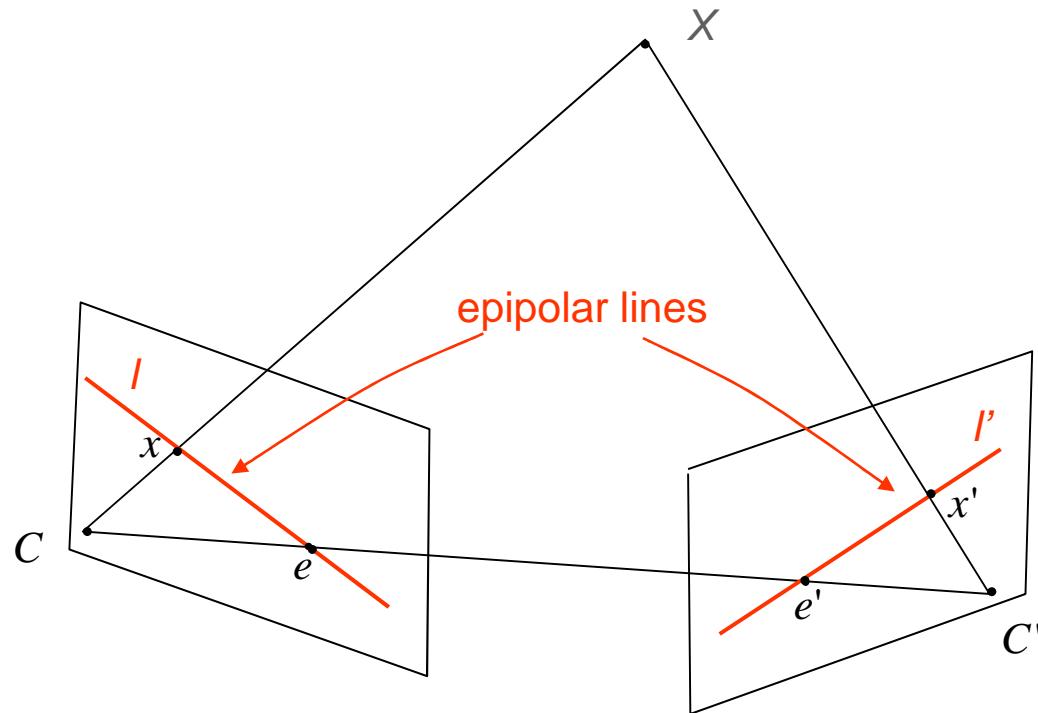
Centro óptico

$$P\tilde{C} = 0$$

# epipolar geometry

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$XCC'$  – epipolar plane  
 $l, l'$  – epipolar lines  
 $e, e'$  – epipoles

## epipolar geometry (2)

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In general, two optical rays are non-coplanar and do not intersect. To guarantee that they meet the following condition must hold

$$\tilde{x}'^T F \tilde{x} = 0$$

$\tilde{x}, \tilde{x}'$  – pair of corresponding points (homogeneous coord.)  
 $F$  – fundamental matrix

The geometry of a pair of cameras is called epipolar geometry and it is characterized by  $F$ .

The epipolar geometry is used in both steps of stereo reconstruction.

# Lines in 2D

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A line

$$l_1x_1 + l_2x_2 + l_3 = 0$$

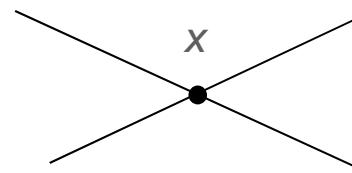
can be expressed as follows using homogeneous coordinates

$$l^T \tilde{x} = 0 \quad l \in R^3$$

There is a complete symmetry between points and lines in 2D using homogeneous coordinates.

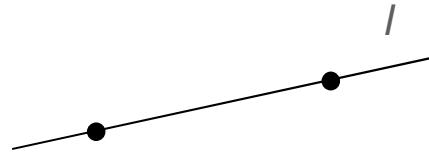
Intersection of two lines:

$$\tilde{x} = l_1 \times l_2$$



line defined by two points:

$$l = \tilde{x}_1 \times \tilde{x}_2$$



# Matrix representation of cross product

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Cross product of two vectors

$$a \times b = \begin{bmatrix} a_2b_3 - a_3b_2 \\ a_3b_1 - a_1b_3 \\ a_1b_2 - a_2b_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

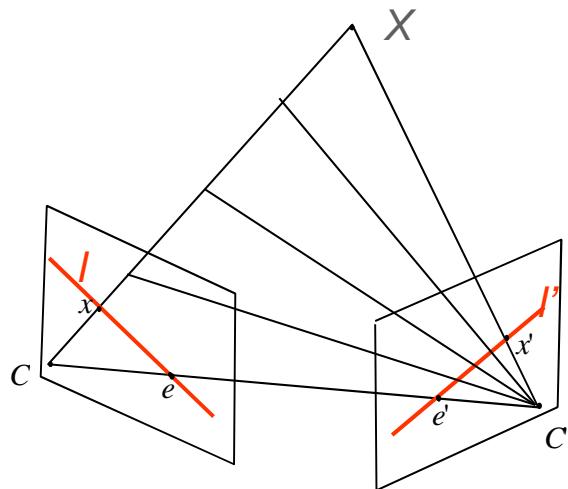
Can be obtained by

$$a \times b = [a]_x b \quad [a]_x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -a_3 & a_2 \\ a_3 & 0 & -a_1 \\ -a_2 & a_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$[a]_x$  Is a skew symmetric matrix

# Proof

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1st step

Define 2 points belonging to the optical ray defined by C and x

$$\tilde{X}_A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \tilde{X}_B = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{x} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**hypothesis:** calibrated cameras ( $K=K'=I$ ) and world coordinate system centered in camera 1.

$$P = [I \ 0] \quad P' = [R \ t]$$

2nd step

Project them by the 2<sup>nd</sup> camera

$$\tilde{x}'_A = [R \ t] \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = t \quad \tilde{x}'_B = [R \ t] \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{x} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = R\tilde{x}$$

epipolar line

$$l = t \times R\tilde{x} = [t] \times R\tilde{x}$$

## Proof (2)

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3rd step

$\tilde{x}'$  belongs to the epipolar line

$$\tilde{x}^T l = 0 \Rightarrow \tilde{x}^T \underbrace{[t]_x R}_{E} \tilde{x} = 0$$

← essential matrix

When the cameras are not calibrated we can replace

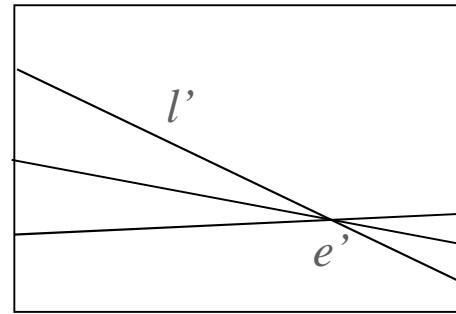
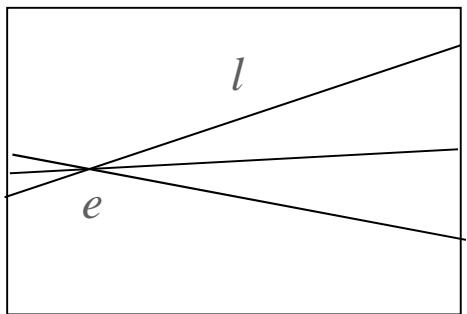
$$\tilde{x} \rightarrow K^{-1} \tilde{x}, \quad \tilde{x}' \rightarrow K'^{-1} \tilde{x}'$$

and obtain

$$\tilde{x}^T F \tilde{x} = 0, \quad F = K'^{-T} [t]_X R K^{-1}$$

# epipoles e epipolar lines

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epipolar lines

$$l = F^T \tilde{x}', \quad l' = F \tilde{x}$$

epipoles

$$F \tilde{e} = 0, \quad F^T \tilde{e}' = 0$$

# Propriedades da matriz fundamental

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- $F$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix with rank 2 ( $\det F = 0$ )

- fundamental property:  $\tilde{x}'^T F \tilde{x} = 0$

- epipoles:  $F \tilde{e} = 0, \quad F^T \tilde{e}' = 0$

- Epipolar lines:  $l = F^T \tilde{x}', \quad l' = F \tilde{x}$

- linhas epipolares  $l' = F[k]_x l$  k – line which does not contain the epipole

- relationship with  $P, P'$   $F = [e']_x (P' P^\#)$

Skew symmetric matrix

$$[a]_x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -a_3 & a_2 \\ a_3 & 0 & -a_1 \\ -a_2 & a_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# uncalibrated cameras

# Reconstruction

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Matrix  $F$  can be obtained from pairs of corresponding points in both images.

$F$  can be estimated even if the projection matrices  $P, P'$  are unknown

Can we reconstruct the scene knowing matrix  $F$ ?

# Estimation of F

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F can be estimated from 8 or more pairs of points (7 are enough).

Each pair of points defines a restriction

$$\begin{bmatrix} x'_{i1} & x'_{i2} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f_{11} & f_{12} & f_{13} \\ f_{21} & f_{22} & f_{23} \\ f_{31} & f_{32} & f_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{i1} \\ x_{i2} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

Restrictions can be expressed in the form

$$Mf = 0$$

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} x'_{11}x_{11} & x'_{11}x_{12} & x'_{11} & x'_{12}x_{11} & x'_{12}x_{12} & x'_{12} & x_{11} & x_{12} & 1 \\ \dots & \dots \\ x'_{n1}x_{n1} & x'_{n1}x_{n2} & x'_{n1} & x'_{n2}x_{n1} & x'_{n2}x_{n2} & x'_{n2} & x'_{n2} & x_{n2} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

constraints:  $\|F\|=1$  e  $\det F=0$

# 8 point algorithm

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1. normalization: move the mean to the origin and normalize variance

$$\tilde{x}_i = Tx_i \quad \tilde{x}'_i = T'x'_i$$

2. Determine fundamental matrix

- least squares:  $\tilde{f}$  is the eigenvector associated to the smallest eigenvalue of  $M^T M$ ;  $\tilde{F}$  is obtained from  $\tilde{f}$

- rank 2:  $\hat{F} = U\tilde{D}V^T$  where  $U, V$  are obtained by singular value decomposition of  $\tilde{F}$  and

$$\tilde{D} = \begin{bmatrix} s_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

3. Denormalization

$$F = T' \hat{F} T$$

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**Theorem:** the scene can be reconstructed from two uncalibrated cameras except for a projective transformation.

The reconstructed points  $\hat{X}_i$  are related to the true points  $X_i$  by

$$X_i = H\hat{X}_i$$

Where  $H$  is an homography with 15 degrees of freedom.

The reconstruction obtained in this way does not preserve angles, distances or parallel lines and it is denoted **projective reconstruction**

# Reconstruction: uncalibrated cameras (2)

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## Algorithm

- estimate matrix  $F$
- define a pair of cameras compatible with  $F$ , e.g.,

$$P = [I \quad 0] \quad P' = [[e']]_x F \quad e'$$

- use standard stereo reconstruction methods to estimate  $X$

# Reconstruction: uncalibrated cameras (3)

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Metric reconstruction:

Knowing pairs of corresponding points  $(X_i, \hat{X}_i)$

$$Mh = 0$$

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} h_1^T \\ h_2^T \\ h_3^T \\ h_4^T \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} X^{1T} & 0 & 0 & -x_1^1 X^{1T} \\ 0 & X^{1T} & 0 & -x_2^1 X^{1T} \\ 0 & 0 & X^{1T} & -x_3^1 X^{1T} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ X^{nT} & 0 & 0 & -x_1^n X^{nT} \\ 0 & X^{nT} & 0 & -x_2^n X^{nT} \\ 0 & 0 & X^{nT} & -x_3^n X^{nT} \end{bmatrix} \quad h = \begin{bmatrix} h_1 \\ h_2 \\ h_3 \\ h_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

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